(c) whether the responsibility of full maintenance of these international flights lies with Sanganer Airport;

(d) the place where the overhauling and the maintenance of Delhi bound international flights is undertaken; and

(e) whether it would be contemplated to make general maintenance and overhauling arrangement at Jaipur?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) The airlines operating international flights and destinations thereof from Sanganer Airport, Jaipur are Air India (Dubai via Delhi), Air India Express (Dubai), Oman Air (Muscat) and Air Arabia (Sharjah). Additionally, non-scheduled international charter flights also do occasionally operate to Jaipur airport.

(c) and (d) No major maintenance is approved for airlines at Sanganer Airport, Jaipur. Airlines are approved to carry out major maintenance at their respective maintenance bases in Delhi or outside Delhi.

(e) No, Sir.

Presence of Trolly on the runway of Mumbai Airport

1235. SHRI RRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is aware about serious lapses on the part of staff and Officers at Mumbai Airport during second week of November, 2009;

(b) who was responsible for keeping trolly on the run-way at Mumbai Airport when Air India Flight was to land on night of 11 November, 2009; and

(c) what action has been taken against erring official?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) M/s. Mumbai International Airport Pvt. Ltd. has informed that there was no trolley on the runway at Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport, Mumbai when Air India Flight was to land the night of 11th November, 2009.

(c) Does not arise.

Merger of State Bank of Indore with SBI

1236. SHRI R.C. SINGH:
SHRI D. RAJA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bank employees have planned to go on a one-day strike protesting against the proposed merger of State Bank of Indore with State Bank of India (SBI); and

(b) if so, at what stage is the proposal and what is the reaction of Government to the stand of the employees on the issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) State Bank of Indore has reported that a strike notice has been jointly submitted by All India Bank Officers' Association (AIBOA) and All India Bank Employees' Association (AIBEA) informing their intention to go on strike on 16.12.2009, protesting closing down of State Bank of Indore and other Associate Banks.

(b) Government has granted sanction to State Bank of India (SBI), under Section 35(1) of the State Bank of India Act, 1955, *vide* Department of Financial Services' letter dated 08.10.2009 for proceeding with the negotiation with State Bank of Indore for acquiring its business. Consequently, the scheme of acquisition of State Bank of Indore by the State Bank of India have been approved by Board of both the Banks. The Government keeps in view the interest of all the stakeholders including employees of the merging banks.

Use of WPI for calculation of inflation

1237. DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA A. HEPTULLA:
SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per International Monetary Fund (IMF) there are more than 150 countries using Consumer Price Index (CPI) for calculation of inflation, while only 24 countries including India are using Wholesale Price Index (WPI) which doesn't present correct picture of inflation in the country;

(b) whether there are different indicators for certain categories of people in India and CPI is being used for certain category of people;

(c) if so, whether Government would use common indices particularly CPI for all category of people; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) to (d) As per the Economic survey, 2008-09, "The International Monetary Fund (IMF) statistics reveals that 24 countries use WPI as the official measure to track inflation, compared to 157 countries which use CPI." India does not have an aggregate Consumer Price Index (CPI) for measuring inflation but has four sectional consumer price indices *i.e.* Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers (CPI-IW, Base 2001), Consumer Price Index for Agricultural Labourers (CPI-AL, Base 1986-87), Consumer Price Index for Rural Labourers (CPI—RL, Base 1986-87) and Consumer Price Index for Urban Non-Manual Employees (CPI-UNME, Base 1984-85). The present series of CPIs do not encompass all the segments of the population in the country and as such they do not reflect the true picture of the price behaviour in the country. The Central Statistical Organisation has, therefore, taken an initiative for compilation of new series of CPI for Urban, Rural and combined at State/UT/All India covering the entire population.